Claims Listing

- 1. (original) A micro-miniature x-ray apparatus for steering focused x-rays in a selected direction, said apparatus comprising:
- a first chip subassembly including a radiation source for generating both Bremsstrahlung photons and characteristic x-rays,
 - a second chip subassembly including a filter for preferentially transmitting the characteristic x-rays but blocking the Bremsstrahlung photons,

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- a third chip subassembly including a movable element for focusing or collimating the transmitted characteristic x-rays into a beam and means for controlling the position of the movable element.
- 2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said movable element comprises a Fresnel device for focusing said characteristic x-rays.
- 15 3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said movable element comprises a multiplicity of capillaries for collimating said characteristic x-rays.
 - 4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said x-ray source comprises an array of field emitters for generating electrons, a target responsive to said electrons for generating said x-rays, and an acceleration electrode for accelerating said electrons as they move from said emitters to said target.
 - 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said acceleration electrode is segmented into a multiplicity of separate electrodes, and further including means for applying voltage to selected ones of the segmented electrodes.
 - 6. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, further including an electron lens for focusing said electrons onto said target.

- 7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said filter includes a spatial filter for blocking said Bremsstrahlung photons.
- 8. (amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said spatial filter includes an aperture for blocking those Bremsstrahlung photons whose propagation direction is outside a preselected angular cone transmitting said characteristic x-rays.
- 9. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said characteristic x-rays include x-rays at different frequency bands and wherein said filter includes a spectral filter for blocking x-rays at at least one of said frequency bands.
 - 10. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said controller comprises a MEMS controller including a support structure including a base and having an opening in which said movable element is suspended, resilient means for coupling said element to said structure, and a multiplicity of first control electrodes located on said base, said element serving as a second control electrode, so that voltage applied between said second electrode and selected ones of said first electrodes controls the movement of said element.

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- 20 11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said filter includes a spatial filter for blocking said Bremsstrahlung photons, said spatial filter comprising an annular member that surrounds an aperture for blocking those Bremsstrahlung photons whose propagation direction is outside a preselected angular cone, and said annular member forming said base on which said first control electrodes are located.
 - 12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 further including a catheter, said apparatus being mounted on the end of said catheter.

13. (original) A micro-miniature x-ray apparatus for steering focused x-rays in a selected direction, said apparatus comprising:

a radiation source for generating both Bremsstrahlung photons and characteristic x-rays, a filter for preferentially transmitting the characteristic x-rays but blocking the Bremsstrahlung photons,

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a movable element for focusing or collimating the transmitted characteristic x-rays into a beam and means for controlling the position of the movable element.